



THE IOWA FRIEND

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

New Year Resolution.....by Tom Showalter

As we begin a New Year, we often consider what resolutions need to be made in our lives. The process of determining what changes are needed requires evaluation and a “tool” with which to measure.

In her book, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*, Ruth Haley Barton outlines several stages that take place in our lives (more stages to be shared in the coming months):

- ♦ **The Pre Awareness Stage:** In this first stage, “we are not aware that we are in bondage or that we need God to lead us into something more. There may even be good things going on (‘the Israelites were fruitful and prolific,’ Exodus 1:7)” (pp.88-89). There is great comfort in the familiar, but at some point, we realize or wonder, “Is there more to my experience as a follower of Christ?”
- ♦ **The Awareness Stage:** In this stage, something happens to make us aware that deep within, we have a desire for something more than what we currently experience. “Awareness always calls us to take responsibility for responding to what we are seeing...But when the pain of staying the same is greater than the pain of changing, we are ripe for making a move. Awareness also involves being able to see the possibility of living in a new way...” (p. 91).

Several years ago, I was challenged by some passages of Scripture that convicted my heart:

- * “And we...are being transformed into His (the Lord’s) likeness with ever-increasing glory...” 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)
- * “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son...” Romans 8:29 (NIV)
- * Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” Luke 9:23 (NIV)
- * “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 (NIV)
- * “For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:3)

Do these passages describe your experience as a follower of Christ? They did not describe mine when the challenge came several years ago. The standard by which we measure “success” in our Christian journey should include the standard of, at least, these Scriptures.

As we begin a new year, may we continually look for ways to implement the standards put forth in His Word. May our journey continue (or begin) today and continually move toward Christ-likeness.

Barton, R. H. (2008). *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Resources for Local Missions Committees

At Yearly Meeting in August, each monthly meeting was provided with a packet of information from the Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission Board. The packet contains information under the headings of: Resources, Children Ministries, and other Important Information.

RESOURCES:

1. Directory of workers associated with IA Yearly Meeting. (Names, Addresses, Contact Information)
2. Birthdays of Workers and families.
3. Newsletter information from some of our Workers (new in August!)
4. Opportunities for Service
5. World Prayer Map.
6. Information on "Operation World" which will broaden the World View of your church.



CHILDRENS MINISTRIES:



1. Handout on teaching children to pray.
2. THUMB curriculum to raise awareness of missions.
3. Children's World map for missions.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Information on Southern Tanzania mission.
2. Info from Iowa Yearly Meeting Missions Treasurer (note especially the "Payable to" information for your remittances to Iowa Yearly Meeting Missions.)
3. Guidelines for people asking to solicit funds for their ministries through Iowa Yearly Meeting.

We trust that your meeting has received and is using this information, as these resources will be very helpful in your Missions outlook and participation. If you are a local Missions chair, pastor, or other involved person and have not seen your packet, please check with your representatives to Yearly Meeting to see if the packet is "sidetracked" somewhere. These resources are also available from the yearly meeting office!

We pray God's blessings on each of our meetings as we together work to advance the Kingdom of Christ both locally and globally.

~Dorothy Taylor—Mission's committee Treasurer~



Follow the Path to Cedar Rapids

USFWI/QMI TRIENNIAL

July 7-10, 2016 @ The Marriott—Collins Road

Quakerdale



2015 Quakerdale Winter Classic ProAM Results **17 Teams with 161 Participants raised \$13,480!**

Many hands were involved in making this first-ever cyber golf tournament a success. When the Development Council decided to close the Manning Golf Outing, they also recommended that an alternative fundraising effort replace the traditional event. Their first suggestion was to use a more traditional fundraising letter until something else could be created. After reading the first draft of the fundraising letter, Executive Director, Rob Talbot commented “isn’t there something we can do that is closer to actually playing golf than just a letter?” Thus, the Winter Classic ProAM was created!

“The Classic” is a year-end fundraiser and replaces their golf outing normally held in June. “To the best of our knowledge, this is the first golf event to be played completely online using social media.” said Daniel Smith, Director of Development at Quakerdale.

161 people participated in the event: 142 from Iowa, 18 from other states within the US, and one international. The event was designed to expand awareness of Quakerdale and its 11 ministries. The event hashtag, #QWC2015, reached more than 71,000 Twitter accounts and left 392,000 impressions. Web traffic increased by a factor of 23 times and page views by 34 times.



There were several categories for players to participate in. These categories were: Professional Team.- Winner was Three Star Bargain Bay for Hope4Healing, Individual players—Winner was Jim & Deb Auen, 50-50 Partner Tournament –Winner was Iowa Yearly Meeting represented by Wes Blanchard, and Ministry Partner Teams—Winner was Manning Campus represented by Jim Auen.

Thanks to ALL who participated and supported the event and help raise funds for the greater work of Quakerdale!

15 teams participated in the 2015 Annual Garrison Golf Scramble that was held at Oakland Acres Golf Course in Grinnell Iowa. The event was originally scheduled for April of this year but was postponed to late September due to inclement weather. The tournament raised nearly \$2000 for scholarships.

Thank you faithful friends for supporting and participating in this annual event!

2015 Winners: Matt Grimm, Scott Barthelman, Alan Lake, Richard Grimm



Garrison Golf Scramble 2016 is set for September 17th. SAVE the DATE!!

Annual Winter Family Banquet of Iowa Yearly Meeting

brought to you by your Quaker Men Organization

Saturday, February 27th, 2016

at the Musco Technology Center, William Penn University

starting at noon



Many come earlier and socialize with friends. There will be the men's business meeting starting at 10:15 for the QM board and a triennial planning committee meeting as well.

The program will include music by Luke McCracken, a power point presentation, and our 5th annual pie auction conducted by Joe & Kerry Hadley who are back by popular acclaim! They will be eager to sell those \$100-\$200 pies and more. The pies have been provided by volunteers and are excellent. **Good pies, good times-----great for missions!**



Banqueting in February is a great time to come together. Luke has been practicing up and should be pretty good by the 27th. He has recorded two CD's and has been around, so many will know him.



There is widespread interest across the yearly meeting on the continuing work to establish an active ministry thru the Friends Response Team (Friends Disaster Service), so we will have an update which sets up the main event.

Our speaker is Quint Bryan, from Eastern Region Friends Disaster Service, along with our General Superintendent –Tom Showalter, have worked together in the past to organize work teams that put young and older people together doing projects which is our goal too. Their power point presentation will include stories recorded in action so we can see the results of their work.

I have a personal goal of 150 people coming to the banquet. We have come close so let's make it happen this year- my 6th and final year as president.

Banquet tickets are \$12 for reservations or \$13 at the door, same as last year. We have to guarantee a base number of meals, so we need as many reservations as possible by Monday, February 15 and deadline for reservations is Thursday, February 18. After that, I guess how many more we will need and add that number to the total to turn in. Last year, I turned in the number which turned out to be the exact number of actual meals served!! *We will see you there..... Bill McCracken*

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January 1st starts the new year for QM.

Dues are \$15 annually or lifetime dues are \$250.

Quaker Men International dues are \$10 or lifetime \$100 for those who have been interested.



**Iowa United Society of Friends
Women (USFW)
William Penn University Scholarship
Fund**

Guidelines

Following are guidelines for the selection of candidates for this scholarship. The Scholarship committee shall consider applications for scholarships and make decisions as to recipients.

1. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by need of the applicant and by funds available.
2. The candidate shall be a participating member of Iowa Yearly Meeting.
3. A candidate from the Yearly Meeting shall have successfully completed secondary education requirements and shall have been accepted by William Penn University.
4. Applications must be received by January 31st.
5. To be considered for a scholarship for the succeeding academic year, recipients must submit a request to the committee each year.
6. Scholarships shall only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) academic years.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIP

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission Board announces that scholarship funds are available for adults and youth within Iowa Yearly Meeting for short term mission trips. Guidelines for this opportunity are available at the yearly meeting office and can be found on the IAYM website. The maximum amount for each scholarship is \$150. Deadlines for Applications are:

January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1

Contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information!

**MISSION BOARD'S
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2016-17 academic school year. **People within Iowa Yearly Meeting who want to pursue an education at a Christian college or an accredited college or seminary to prepare for full time mission's work with a Friend's organization** may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the 2016-2017 scholarship, please contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information.

The deadline is March 1, 2016.

TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being taken for a \$500 college scholarship to be distributed in the 2nd semester of the 2016-2017 academic school year (January of 2017). College students within Iowa Yearly Meeting are encouraged to seek an application through the Yearly Meeting Office.

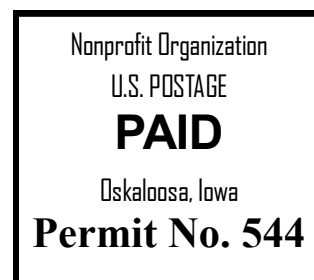
Deadline for this scholarship is February 1st, 2016. A recipient will be determined at Spring Body 2016.

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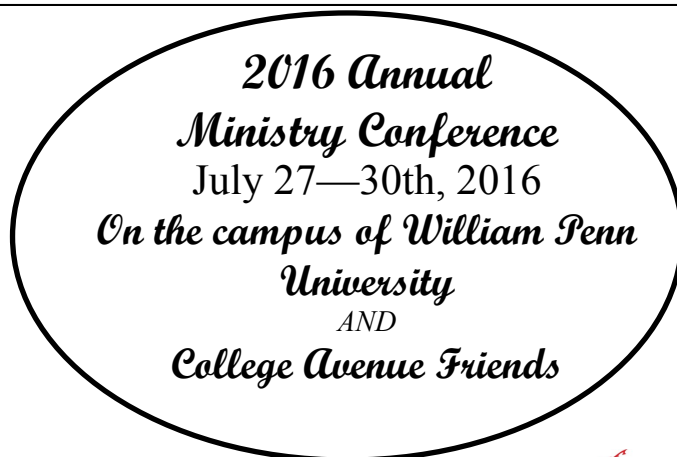
Registration is now open online
 at iaym.org for
BLIZZARD BLAST
 5th—8th Graders
February 19-20
And
Young Adult Retreat
 18—35(ish) years old
February 5-8

Young Friends Camps
June 2016

6/10-12	Little Fry
6/12-17	Jr/Sr high camp
6/17-19	Young Adult Weekender
6/19-23	Elementary Camp

March 2016

3/5 BOC @LeGrand
 3/19 Spring Body of Representatives @ Grace



QuakerMen's Annual
FAMILY BANQUET
February 27th @ noon
William Penn University
 Delicious Food....
 Great Speaker....
 Annual Pie Auction

